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TITLE: INTRAVENOUS OXYGENATOR

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MAIL STOP: AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 13, 2006, with the period for response time having been extended by Petition and the payment of the extension fee, Applicants respectfully respond as follows:

An Election of Species begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

ELECTION OF SPECIES:

The Patent Examiner has required the election of one of the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention for further prosecution:

Species A: Oxygenator;

Species AI: Comprising fiber twisted in the same direction;

Species AII: Comprising fiber holders that are rotatable and are mounted so as to be displaceable;

Species AIII: Comprising a first and second driver;

Species AIV: Comprising an abutment device

Species AV: Comprising spiral guidance means

Species AVI: Comprising a housing

ELECTION:

Applicants respectfully elect, with traverse, for further prosecution Species AI, i.e. an oxygenator comprising fibers twisted in the same direction, as shown in FIGS. 4, 5, 8, 9 and 11, with all claims readable on the species and claims 30-38 specifically claiming the elected species.